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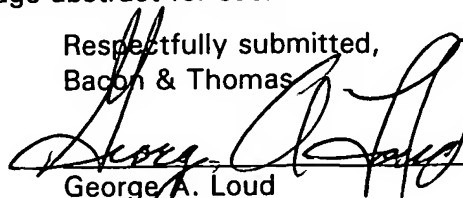
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It is respectfully requested that the examiner consider and cite of record the four Japanese documents listed on the attached, which documents were cited in the International Search Report for the captioned application, a copy of which is also submitted herewith..

Japanese Kokai 2002-529144 is discussed as "related art" at page 3, lines 17-31 of applicant's specification and the examiner's attention is directed to that discussion as a statement of the relevance of the document. A copy is submitted herewith, along with a "machine translation" of its claims.

Copies of the other three listed Japanese documents are also submitted herewith, along with a published English language abstract for each.

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